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Labor Market Reviews

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION OCTOBER 1982 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

STATEWIDE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE JUMPS

Employment in Texas suffered a severe blow in September as the State's actual unemployment rate charged from 7.0 percent at mid-August to 8.0 percent at mid-September. The increase occurred over a period which historically has seen the unemployment rate decline as students and other seasonal jobseekers leave the labor force in August and teachers and other school employees return to work in September. This year, however, a jump in the number of individuals on layoff fueled the surge in Statewide unemployment. Manufacturing industries were responsible for most of the cutbacks as many durable goods industries continued a downward shift in employment.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Sep. 1982	Aug. 1982	Sep. 1981
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	110,546.0	111,887.0	108,273.0
Unemployment	10,695.0	10,710.0	7,884.0
Percent Unemployed	9.7	9.6	7.3
Total Employment	99,851.0	101,177.0	100,389.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	110,980.0	110,644.0	108,494.0
Unemployment	11,260.0	10,805.0	8,236.0
Percent Unemployed	10.1	9.8	7.6
Total Employment	99,720.0	99,839.0	100,258.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,311.4	7,373.7	7,140.4
Unemployment	587.4	518.6	384.2
Percent Unemployed	8.0	7.0	5.4
Total Employment	6,724.0	6,855.1	6,756.2
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,314.0	7,358.0	7,123.0
Unemployment	611.0	491.0	389.0
Percent Unemployed	8.4	6.7	5.5
Total Employment	6,703.0	6,867.0	6,734.0

Total unemployment rose 68,800 over the month, a gain of 13.3 percent in the number of jobless persons. September marked the fourth consecutive month that over half a million Texans were without work, an unprecedented span of high unemployment for the State. The actual unemployment rate of 8.0 percent for September is the highest in the current series, which goes back to 1970. It surpassed the previous high of 7.7 percent set in June of this year. As unemployment was climbing, total employment was decreasing by 131,100 workers. The decline in employment amounted to a 1.9 percent drop in the number of employed persons in the State.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Texas was 8.4 percent in September. The 8.4 percent rate is the highest in the current seasonally adjusted series, surpassing the previous high of 7.0 percent reached in June and July of this year. The actual rate for the Nation in September was 9.7 percent and the seasonally adjusted rate for the United States was 10.1 percent.

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT RECORDS DECREASE

A moderate decline was registered in total nonagricultural wage and salary employment from August to September as several industrial categories experienced losses. Manufacturing industries were the hardest hit as they continued a downward trend of several months' duration. The nonmanufacturing industries posted a modest gain as a whole, but five of the seven major industry groups reported declines over the month.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT[1/]
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Sep.'82*	Aug.'82**	Sep.'81**	Sep.'82*	Aug.'82**	Sep.'81**	Sep.'82*	Aug.'82**	Sep.'81**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	58,800	58,250	60,600	80,300	78,000	77,250	257,850	253,100	260,600
Manufacturing	6,300	6,350	6,600	9,950	9,850	10,200	33,250	33,300	33,250
Mining	5,400	5,400	5,300	2,900	2,900	2,650	850	800	800
Construction	3,150	3,200	3,350	5,150	5,450	4,800	12,600	12,800	14,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,150	3,150	3,200	7,050	7,050	6,950	7,850	7,900	8,000
Trade	15,350	15,500	16,800	24,550	23,550	22,800	55,250	54,550	57,150
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,900	3,000	2,850	4,150	4,150	4,000	16,250	16,250	15,550
Services & Misc.	13,150	12,750	13,300	14,350	13,950	13,550	51,600	50,200	49,400
Government	9,400	8,900	9,200	12,200	11,100	12,300	80,200	77,300	81,750
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
TOTAL	145,550	142,350	156,950	60,450	62,400	65,050	42,600	40,550	41,550
Manufacturing	36,950	34,250	43,350	9,350	9,950	11,750	3,050	3,000	3,250
Mining	2,200	2,200	2,350	150	150	150	1,150	1,300	1,250
Construction	12,250	12,400	15,150	3,850	4,000	4,450	2,850	3,100	2,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,400	11,900	11,450	3,050	3,350	3,450	1,850	1,900	1,700
Trade	32,500	32,800	34,300	17,650	18,750	18,700	7,900	7,800	8,250
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,650	5,650	5,700	3,050	3,050	3,000	1,650	1,650	1,500
Services & Misc.	24,900	25,150	25,650	9,850	9,950	9,650	5,900	5,650	5,650
Government	19,700	18,000	19,000	13,500	13,200	13,900	18,250	16,150	17,150
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH[2]			EL PASO		
TOTAL	131,100	132,650	133,550	1,555.8	1,547.4	1,528.3	160,450	161,650	168,350
Manufacturing	15,700	15,800	16,950	312.1	314.5	332.0	33,650	33,900	40,250
Mining	7,700	7,850	8,400	33.4	33.3	31.0	--	--	--
Construction	14,650	14,600	14,700	83.8	85.5	81.1	8,250	8,050	8,550
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,000	7,250	7,250	96.7	96.8	98.9	10,550	10,650	10,500
Trade	29,900	30,650	31,850	420.9	419.4	404.1	37,650	38,350	39,650
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,050	6,150	5,900	120.7	121.2	115.1	7,900	7,950	7,700
Services & Misc.	23,050	23,550	21,900	306.4	304.3	283.8	25,650	25,700	26,850
Government	27,050	26,800	26,600	181.8	172.4	182.3	36,800	37,050	34,850
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON[2]			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	70,900	71,200	71,100	1,537.7	1,542.6	1,569.8	59,950	60,000	58,450
Manufacturing	11,750	11,750	12,250	244.6	248.4	265.6	7,650	7,850	8,300
Mining	800	800	850	94.7	95.3	103.3	--	--	--
Construction	4,350	4,550	5,050	140.1	142.9	151.3	3,650	3,750	3,450
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,700	6,700	6,900	106.2	107.0	109.2	3,400	3,400	3,400
Trade	13,250	13,650	13,800	372.6	372.6	376.8	12,900	13,100	13,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,650	4,700	4,550	98.2	99.1	92.8	2,150	2,200	2,150
Services & Misc.	10,000	10,400	10,650	312.4	312.2	305.8	11,300	11,250	10,600
Government	19,400	18,650	17,050	168.9	165.1	165.0	18,900	18,450	17,450

[2]In thousands.

A drop of 11,500 jobs was posted by the industries in manufacturing from August to September. These same industries have lost 94,500 jobs over the last year. The durable goods sector has been responsible for most of the decline over the year and all of the decline over the last month. Losses were heaviest in the durable goods industries of primary metals and nonelectrical machinery. It is an old story, but primary metal industries and nonelectrical machinery continue to be rocked by sizeable layoffs, and until oil field production picks up substantially the outlook is rather bleak.

Fabricated metal products sustained sizeable over-the-month losses with declines in fabricated structural metal products and ordnance and accessories. Electric and electronic equipment also reported a loss as communication equipment was the only portion of the industry to register a gain. Almost all of the remaining industries in the durable goods sector were down.

Nondurable goods fared better, posting a moderate gain over the month. The gain, however, was the result of the settlement of a labor-management dispute in petroleum refining and was not directly due to any gain in business activity. Actually, the remainder of the durable goods sector showed very little movement in employment. Food and kindred

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Industry	Sep.'82*	Aug.'82**	Sep.'81**	Sep.'82*	Aug.'82**	Sep.'81**	Sep.'82*	Aug.'82**	Sep.'81**
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	30,250	32,500	34,950	65,200	66,250	68,750	90,400	88,900	90,250
Manufacturing	1,750	1,750	2,250	16,550	16,900	19,300	11,100	11,200	12,150
Mining	1,300	1,350	1,600	4,500	4,550	4,800	400	400	400
Construction	1,300	1,550	1,400	4,100	4,250	4,350	4,950	4,850	3,950
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,500	4,000	3,600	3,700	3,850	4,800	4,650	4,900
Trade	9,150	10,650	12,200	15,000	15,450	15,400	27,800	27,900	27,050
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,450	1,300	2,600	2,600	2,450	5,150	5,100	4,950
Services & Misc.	4,950	5,100	4,900	10,950	11,100	10,700	16,150	16,100	17,250
Government	7,300	7,150	7,300	7,900	7,700	7,900	20,050	18,700	19,600
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	71,000	71,750	74,450	50,600	50,450	50,850	54,650	54,550	59,250
Manufacturing	8,000	7,950	9,950	3,950	4,000	5,000	7,300	7,550	9,050
Mining	1,500	1,600	1,750	13,600	13,550	13,550	7,550	7,700	9,550
Construction	4,900	5,250	5,200	3,850	4,000	3,450	5,700	5,500	4,550
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,750	2,800	2,700	2,950	3,000	2,800	2,600	2,600	2,750
Trade	21,250	22,750	22,850	10,800	10,600	11,350	14,950	14,950	16,850
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,000	3,050	2,650	3,250	3,250	2,700	2,150	2,150	1,950
Services & Misc.	9,150	9,250	9,450	7,750	8,050	7,450	7,700	7,600	8,050
Government	20,450	19,100	19,900	4,450	4,000	4,550	6,700	6,500	6,500
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	37,050	36,800	37,100	411,750	406,800	411,950	35,800	35,400	37,250
Manufacturing	5,850	5,900	6,050	48,900	48,800	52,700	11,800	11,350	12,950
Mining	600	700	850	3,500	3,600	3,250	350	350	350
Construction	2,200	2,250	2,250	27,500	27,750	27,100	1,250	1,250	1,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,850	3,850	3,700	18,900	19,100	19,300	2,550	2,550	2,500
Trade	9,200	9,050	9,300	103,900	103,400	104,100	7,250	7,300	7,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,550	1,550	1,500	28,300	28,250	27,300	1,250	1,250	1,300
Services & Misc.	7,650	7,700	7,150	85,950	85,600	84,450	6,250	6,250	6,300
Government	6,150	5,800	6,300	94,800	90,300	93,750	5,100	5,100	5,050
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			WACO		
TOTAL	44,550	44,700	44,200	53,250	53,250	57,400	69,000	68,000	72,150
Manufacturing	8,450	8,500	8,500	11,250	11,300	13,650	14,500	14,700	16,750
Mining	100	150	150	3,100	3,150	3,900	--	--	--
Construction	1,900	1,850	1,800	2,700	2,700	2,850	2,950	2,950	3,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,300	2,300	2,350	2,550	2,600	2,750	3,500	3,500	3,400
Trade	10,600	10,650	10,250	12,850	12,800	13,600	16,950	16,700	17,650
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,550	1,550	1,550	2,800	2,800	2,750	4,150	4,200	4,300
Services & Misc.	7,200	7,250	7,300	10,800	10,850	10,600	15,500	14,900	15,750
Government	12,450	12,450	12,300	7,200	7,050	7,300	11,450	11,050	11,100
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	53,050	53,350	55,850						
Manufacturing	9,400	9,850	11,150						
Mining	3,450	3,500	4,000						
Construction	2,100	2,150	2,550						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,250	2,850						
Trade	12,200	12,350	13,150						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,450	2,500	2,350						
Services & Misc.	9,250	9,300	8,800						
Government	10,900	10,450	11,000						

1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
* Preliminary -- subject to revision.
** Revised.

products rose moderately due to a recall of workers in the bakery products segment, but this gain was offset by a number of small declines among the other industries in nondurable goods.

The beginning of the new school year pushed the nonmanufacturing sector to an overall gain as increases were reported in government and services. State and local government rose substantially over the month as did educational services. All of these gains were directly attributable to the start of the fall semester at local school districts, state colleges and universities, and private schools.

Outside of educational services, the remainder of the services category did not perform very well. Health services managed small gains in hospitals and other health services,

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES/

INDUSTRY	Sep. 1982*	Aug. 1982**	Sep. 1981**	Change From Aug. 1982	Change From Sep. 1981
‡TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	6,216,400	6,222,500	6,204,700	- 6,100	11,700
Manufacturing	1,023,700	1,035,200	1,118,200	- 11,500	- 94,500
Durable Goods	593,700	608,700	676,900	- 15,000	- 83,200
Lumber & Wood Products	36,700	36,500	36,500	200	200
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,300	7,400	8,200	- 100	- 900
Furniture & Fixtures	15,500	15,700	17,200	- 200	- 1,700
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	45,200	45,500	46,200	- 300	- 1,000
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	20,300	20,400	20,100	- 100	200
Primary Metal Industries	40,300	43,300	51,600	- 3,000	- 11,300
Fabricated Metal Industries	93,200	94,600	103,500	- 1,400	- 10,300
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	49,400	50,400	55,800	- 1,000	- 6,400
Machinery, Except Electrical	156,100	165,200	199,400	- 9,100	- 43,300
Oil Field Machinery	55,300	62,100	83,300	- 6,800	- 28,000
Electric & Electronic Equipment	96,300	97,200	100,600	- 900	- 4,300
Transportation Equipment	72,400	72,600	83,000	- 200	- 10,600
Aircraft & Parts	36,400	36,200	39,600	200	- 3,200
Instruments & Related Products	25,300	25,500	25,200	- 200	100
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,700	12,600	13,700	100	- 1,000
Nondurable Goods	430,000	426,500	441,300	3,500	- 11,300
Food & Kindred Products	99,100	98,400	98,500	700	600
Meat Products	26,300	26,300	26,500	0	- 200
Dairy Products	4,900	4,900	4,800	0	100
Bakery Products	12,100	11,600	11,100	500	1,000
Malt Beverages	3,200	3,100	3,400	100	- 200
Textile Mill Products	5,300	4,800	5,500	500	- 200
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	68,200	68,400	73,100	- 200	- 4,900
Paper & Allied Products	22,500	22,700	23,100	- 200	- 600
Printing & Publishing	66,100	66,400	65,300	- 300	800
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	34,400	34,700	33,400	- 300	1,000
Chemicals & Allied Products	83,200	83,700	83,800	- 500	- 600
Petroleum & Coal Products	45,500	41,900	46,600	3,600	- 1,100
Petroleum Refining	42,600	39,100	43,400	3,500	- 800
Leather & Leather Products	8,800	8,900	10,600	- 100	- 1,800
Other Nondurable Goods	31,300	31,300	34,800	0	- 3,500
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,192,700	5,187,300	5,086,500	5,400	106,200
Mining	289,200	293,600	301,100	- 4,400	- 11,900
Oil & Gas Extraction	279,500	283,400	290,600	- 3,900	- 11,100
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,700	10,200	10,500	- 500	- 800
Construction	442,000	444,300	441,100	- 2,300	900
Transportation & Public Utilities	386,200	389,500	389,200	- 3,300	- 3,000
Railroad Transportation	26,800	26,800	29,900	0	- 3,100
Transportation, Except Railroads	183,500	186,700	194,200	- 3,200	- 10,700
Transportation by Air	37,400	37,400	38,900	0	- 1,500
Communication, Exc. U.S. Postal Service	94,800	94,400	90,300	400	4,500
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	81,100	81,600	74,800	- 500	6,300
Electric Services	43,600	43,800	40,500	- 200	3,100
Gas Production & Distribution	32,900	33,200	29,900	- 300	3,000
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,576,900	1,577,500	1,522,900	- 600	54,000
Wholesale Trade	444,700	448,100	445,200	- 3,400	- 500
Retail Trade	1,132,200	1,129,400	1,077,700	2,800	54,500
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	43,900	43,700	43,200	200	700
General Merchandise Stores	148,300	147,800	151,800	500	- 3,500
Food Stores	200,600	199,300	190,400	1,300	10,200
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	134,000	134,200	126,200	- 200	7,800
Apparel & Accessory Stores	85,600	86,900	82,700	- 1,300	2,900
Other Retail Trade	519,800	517,500	483,400	2,300	36,400
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	359,400	361,000	348,000	- 1,600	11,400
Banking	96,100	96,900	92,400	- 800	3,700
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	111,900	112,400	115,100	- 500	- 3,200
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	151,400	151,700	140,500	- 300	10,900
Services	1,140,000	1,137,200	1,100,200	2,800	39,800
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	63,300	65,500	66,200	- 2,200	- 2,900
Personal Services	69,400	69,400	67,300	0	2,100
Business & Repair Services	304,800	307,200	300,300	- 2,400	4,500
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	42,600	45,000	44,000	- 2,400	- 1,400
Health Services	329,700	328,800	311,800	900	17,900
Educational Services	61,700	52,300	54,900	9,400	6,800
Other Services & Miscellaneous	268,500	269,000	255,700	- 500	12,800
Total Government	999,000	984,200	984,000	14,800	15,000
Total Federal Government	168,300	169,100	166,700	- 800	1,600
Total State Government	217,200	211,500	208,400	5,700	8,800
Total Local Government	613,500	603,600	608,900	9,900	4,600

/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ‡ Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor. *Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES[1/]
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Sep.'82*	Aug.'82**	Sep.'81**	Sep.'82*	Aug.'82**	Sep.'81**	Sep.'82*	Aug.'82**	Sep.'81**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	75,950	76,650	77,000	98,400	98,000	95,450	286,250	287,350	285,850
Total Unemployment	4,000	3,600	3,150	4,900	4,850	6,250	11,850	11,800	9,700
Percent Unemployed	5.3	4.7	4.1	5.0	4.9	6.5	4.1	4.1	3.4
Total Employment 2/	71,950	73,050	73,850	93,500	93,150	89,200	274,400	275,550	276,150
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	180,000	181,050	180,000	85,900	86,650	85,500	50,500	49,800	48,900
Total Unemployment	23,000	20,450	11,750	13,550	9,800	7,800	2,950	3,350	2,650
Percent Unemployed	12.8	11.3	6.5	15.8	11.3	9.1	5.8	6.7	5.4
Total Employment 2/	157,000	160,600	168,250	72,350	76,850	77,700	47,550	46,450	46,250
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH[3/]			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	161,050	165,250	156,800	1,739.4	1,759.2	1,677.4	188,100	190,250	190,400
Total Unemployment	13,400	12,200	9,200	111.2	104.8	81.8	23,700	21,350	18,800
Percent Unemployed	8.3	7.4	5.9	6.4	6.0	4.9	12.6	11.2	9.9
Total Employment 2/	147,650	153,050	147,600	1,628.2	1,654.4	1,595.6	164,400	168,900	171,600
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON[3/]			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	92,200	93,250	87,750	1,730.0	1,748.7	1,695.9	69,800	70,900	68,000
Total Unemployment	10,900	9,750	6,150	142.7	122.8	80.8	3,950	3,600	3,950
Percent Unemployed	11.8	10.5	7.0	8.2	7.0	4.8	5.7	5.1	5.8
Total Employment 2/	81,300	83,500	81,600	1,587.3	1,625.9	1,615.1	65,850	67,300	64,050
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	39,650	39,450	38,250	76,400	77,400	74,250	108,450	108,500	106,450
Total Unemployment	9,200	6,100	3,800	9,300	7,750	3,950	6,450	5,900	4,700
Percent Unemployed	23.2	15.5	9.9	12.2	10.0	5.3	5.9	5.4	4.4
Total Employment 2/	30,450	33,350	34,450	67,100	69,650	70,300	102,000	102,600	101,750
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	103,900	102,000	99,800	61,600	63,050	62,100	69,450	70,150	72,950
Total Unemployment	21,950	17,350	15,250	2,900	3,050	3,550	5,000	4,500	2,850
Percent Unemployed	21.1	17.0	15.3	4.7	4.8	5.7	7.2	6.4	3.9
Total Employment 2/	81,950	84,650	84,550	58,700	60,000	58,550	64,450	65,650	70,100
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,500	48,600	47,500	469,550	471,600	462,800	41,200	42,450	41,950
Total Unemployment	3,100	2,300	2,200	37,100	34,200	31,150	3,350	4,200	2,600
Percent Unemployed	6.4	4.7	4.6	7.9	7.3	6.7	8.1	9.9	6.2
Total Employment 2/	45,400	46,300	45,300	432,450	437,400	431,650	37,850	38,250	39,350
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	50,700	50,800	49,400	70,900	71,600	73,350	82,850	82,850	83,650
Total Unemployment	5,300	4,650	4,450	5,350	4,700	3,550	4,850	4,200	3,950
Percent Unemployed	10.5	9.2	9.0	7.5	6.6	4.8	5.9	5.1	4.7
Total Employment 2/	45,400	46,150	44,950	65,550	66,900	69,800	78,000	78,650	79,700
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS[3/]		
Total Civilian Labor Force	65,900	67,150	67,400				7,311.4	7,373.7	7,140.4
Total Unemployment	4,250	3,650	2,900				587.4	518.6	384.2
Percent Unemployed	6.4	5.4	4.3				8.0	7.0	5.4
Total Employment 2/	61,650	63,500	64,500				6,724.0	6,855.1	6,756.2

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In thousands.
* Preliminary -- subject to revision.
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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sep. 1982±	Aug. 1982	Sep. 1981	Sep. 1982±	Aug. 1982	Sep. 1981	Sep. 1982±	Aug. 1982	Sep. 1981
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING--TOTAL	$348.53	$345.32	$336.17	40.2	40.2	41.4	$8.67	$8.59	$8.12
Durable Goods	344.40	348.19	337.82	40.0	40.3	41.4	8.61	8.64	8.16
Lumber & Wood Products	243.54	242.98	218.58	41.0	40.7	37.3	5.94	5.97	5.86
Furniture & Fixtures	290.56	289.05	218.69	47.4	47.0	40.2	6.13	6.15	5.44
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	330.72	335.16	323.45	41.6	42.0	43.3	7.95	7.98	7.47
Primary Metal Industries	390.92	403.68	447.32	35.7	36.4	42.4	10.95	11.09	10.55
Fabricated Metal Products	340.22	333.50	332.88	38.4	38.6	41.3	8.86	8.64	8.06
Machinery, Exc. Electric	350.27	352.06	366.30	40.4	40.7	43.4	8.67	8.65	8.44
Oil Field Machinery	415.34	428.28	456.46	40.6	42.7	46.2	10.23	10.03	9.88
Elec. & Electronic Equip.	359.07	363.29	314.38	40.3	40.5	40.1	8.91	8.97	7.84
Transportation Equipment	440.13	454.97	369.03	41.6	42.6	39.3	10.58	10.68	9.39
Aircraft & Parts	499.29	519.37	423.85	44.5	45.8	41.8	11.22	11.34	10.14
Instr. & Related Products	271.50	278.63	258.05	37.5	37.5	39.7	7.24	7.43	6.50
Misc. Mfg. Industries	268.19	259.62	232.41	38.7	37.9	38.8	6.93	6.85	5.99
Nondurable Goods	353.10	340.80	334.10	40.4	40.0	41.4	8.74	8.52	8.07
Food & Kindred Products	313.65	297.67	291.64	42.5	41.4	42.7	7.38	7.19	6.83
Meat Products	285.76	279.60	303.30	41.9	41.3	44.8	6.82	6.77	6.77
Malt Beverages	560.79	595.30	534.44	40.2	43.2	43.1	13.95	13.78	12.40
Textile Mill Products	249.10	253.75	237.95	42.8	43.6	41.6	5.82	5.82	5.72
Apprl. & Other Text. Prods.	168.12	170.56	162.36	36.0	36.6	36.9	4.67	4.66	4.40
Paper & Allied Products	355.77	359.68	363.58	40.2	41.2	43.7	8.85	8.73	8.32
Printing & Publishing	297.70	297.89	303.76	37.4	37.9	39.5	7.96	7.86	7.69
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	568.55	539.32	530.84	43.5	42.2	44.2	13.07	12.78	12.01
Petroleum & Coal Products	584.76	569.84	543.56	44.3	43.8	44.3	13.20	13.01	12.27
Petroleum Refining	608.63	596.51	566.93	44.2	43.7	44.5	13.77	13.65	12.74
Leather & Leather Products	156.63	159.13	172.39	31.9	31.7	36.6	4.91	5.02	4.71
Other Nondurable Goods	303.60	294.39	287.12	40.0	39.2	42.1	7.59	7.51	6.82
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	479.00	453.25	408.71	44.6	42.8	43.9	10.74	10.59	9.31
Oil & Gas Extraction	481.49	455.61	409.53	44.5	42.7	43.8	10.82	10.67	9.35
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, Exc Fuel	407.96	413.73	369.82	47.0	47.5	45.1	8.68	8.71	8.20
Comm., Exc. U.S. Postal Service	392.22	393.41	388.40	39.9	39.9	41.1	9.83	9.86	9.45
Elec., Gas & San. Svcs.	398.77	393.60	379.45	41.8	41.0	41.2	9.54	9.60	9.21
Wholesale & Retail Trade	224.42	226.67	217.35	33.9	34.5	35.0	6.62	6.57	6.21
Wholesale Trade	338.91	334.90	319.18	39.5	39.4	40.3	8.58	8.50	7.92
Retail Trade	179.74	183.63	175.15	31.7	32.5	32.8	5.67	5.65	5.34
General Mdse. Stores	165.01	162.17	162.34	30.5	30.2	31.1	5.41	5.37	5.22
Banking	242.73	226.07	205.52	37.4	37.0	37.3	6.49	6.11	5.51

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	$328.72	$328.80	$312.29	39.7	40.0	40.4	$8.28	$8.22	$7.73
Durable Goods	346.90	348.40	328.45	39.6	40.0	40.3	8.76	8.71	8.15
Nondurable Goods	293.20	291.13	279.61	40.0	40.1	40.7	7.33	7.26	6.87
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	436.60	422.84	431.87	41.7	41.7	43.8	10.47	10.14	9.86
Durable Goods	404.84	394.48	410.71	41.1	41.7	43.6	9.85	9.46	9.42
Nondurable Goods	493.35	470.20	471.61	42.9	41.5	44.2	11.50	11.33	10.67
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	244.86	243.59	240.40	38.5	39.1	40.2	6.36	6.23	5.98
Durable Goods	270.52	264.26	254.23	39.9	39.5	40.1	6.78	6.69	6.34
Nondurable Goods	221.34	224.46	225.92	37.2	38.7	40.2	5.95	5.80	5.62

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revisions upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

and personal services was unchanged, but substantial losses were reported in business and repair services, amusements, and hotels and other lodging places.

Mining employment decreased as oil and gas drilling took another dip in September. Some seasonal separations were reported in mining and in construction. Employment in construction dropped moderately because of the return of many summer laborers to school but the industry was still somewhat above its year-ago employment level.

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Losses were reported throughout most of the industries in transportation and public utilities. A small increase was recorded in communication, but the overall atmosphere was bleak. Transportation, except railroads, suffered the largest declines as trucking and warehousing and water transportation led in the decreases. Finance, insurance, and real estate dropped as every category realized small to moderate employment losses.

Trade fell as the wholesale segment declined sharply. The decrease was largely attributable to slow sales in the machinery, equipment, and supplies segment because of low activity in the petroleum industry. Retail trade offset most of the decline in wholesale trade, but fell short of making up the total loss. Gains were evident in the retail segments of food stores and eating and drinking places.

The number of manufacturing production workers in Texas declined from 708,400 in August to 700,000 in September. Durable goods industries fell from 408,000 to 395,600 over the month, while employment in the nondurable goods sector rose from 300,400 to 304,400.

EARNINGS ADVANCE, HOURS STAGNANT

An average production worker in manufacturing earned $8.67 an hour over a 40.2 hour week during September. The average weekly wage in the State was $348.53. Hours worked were unchanged from August, but the average hourly earnings rose eight cents. Some of the largest gains in hourly earnings were made in industries suffering sizeable employment losses. As lower-paid workers were laid off, the average earnings figure climbed.

FARM EMPLOYMENT DECLINES OVER MONTH

A drop from 184,750 in August to 182,000 in September occurred in total agricultural employment. Seasonal workers numbered 50,500 this September compared to 58,350 a year ago. Seasonal employment was down in cotton, vegetable, and feed and grain activities. Livestock were generally in good condition across the State.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Sep. 1982	Sep. 1981
Total Population, Texas	15,285,400	14,840,200
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.4%	0.7%
UI Covered Employers	282,317	270,376
Total Claims Actions	717,050	233,238
Total Initial Claims Actions	90,115	38,407
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	626,935	194,831
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$125.83	$ 98.47
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	$76,089,885	$15,746,719
Total Placements	37,928	47,576

*Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.